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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: July 27, 2009
Meeting Time: 10:30 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., Room 404
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 1

Members Present: Sen. David Long, Chairperson; Rep. B. Patrick Bauer, Vice-Chairperson; Sen. James Merritt; Sen. Connie Lawson; Sen. Brandt Hershman; Sen. Brent Steele; Sen. Vi Simpson; Rep. Dale Grubb; Rep. Russell Stilwell; Rep. Scott Pelath; Rep. Earl Harris; Rep. Brian Bosma; Rep. Kathy Kreag Richardson; Rep. William Friend.

Members Absent: Sen. Connie Sipes; Sen. Timothy Lanane.

The meeting was called to order at 10:57 a.m. by the Chairman of the Legislative Council, Senator Long.

The first order of business was consideration of proposed Legislative Council Resolution 09-01 (LCR 09-01) concerning the creation of ad hoc study committees and assignment of topics to statutory committees and commissions. (See, Exhibit 1.) The Legislative Council adopted the Resolution by voice vote.

¹ Exhibits and other materials referenced in these minutes can be inspected and copied in the Legislative Information Center in Room 230 of the State House in Indianapolis, Indiana. Requests for copies may be mailed to the Legislative Information Center, Legislative Services Agency, 200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2789. A fee of \$0.15 per page and mailing costs will be charged for copies. These minutes are also available on the Internet at the General Assembly homepage. The URL address of the General Assembly homepage is <http://www.in.gov/legislative/>. No fee is charged for viewing, downloading, or printing minutes from the Internet.

The Legislative Council considered proposed Legislative Council Resolution 09-02 (LCR 09-02). (See, Exhibit 2.) Jack Ross explained that the proposed resolution contains the operating guidelines, reporting deadlines, and budgetary amounts for interim and statutory study committees. He indicated that the resolution is substantially similar to the procedures that governed interim study committees in 2008 with the exception that Interim Study Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Issues and the Interim Study Committee on Gaming are granted more money (\$16,500 instead of \$9,500) and time to conduct meetings (through 12/1/09 instead of 11/1/09) than other study committees. The Legislative Council adopted the Resolution by voice vote.

Chairman Long announced that he and the other four legislative caucus leaders would be sending a joint letter to the members of the Interim Study Committee on Gaming. The letter will urge the Committee to promptly begin work on the issues assigned to Committee and prepare comprehensive legislative recommendations to the Indiana General Assembly for consideration in the 2010 Session. He indicated that the letter would also request that the Chairman of the Indiana Gaming Commission attend meetings and serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Committee.

Chairman Long announced the Legislative Council Subcommittee Membership and Chairs. (See. Exhibit 3.)

In lieu of consideration of LCR 09-03, Chairman Long proposed that Legislative Council authorize the four legislative caucus leaders to determine whether the full amount of the annual dues requested by the National Conference of State Legislatures, Council of State Governments, and National Conference of Insurance Legislators should be paid from the money appropriated to the Indiana General Assembly. He indicated that it would be prudent to review the contributions being made by other states before committing public money to these organizations. The Legislative Council adopted an oral motion by voice vote authorizing the four legislative caucus leaders to jointly conduct a review of the annual dues payable to these organizations and determine the amount to be paid from appropriations to the General Assembly for annual dues.

Jack Ross distributed proposed Legislative Council Resolution 09-04 (LCR 09-04). (See Exhibit 4.) He explained that LCR 09-04 directs the Legislative Council's Legislative Evaluation and Oversight Policy Subcommittee to initiate an evaluation of various health care reimbursement programs, directs the Commission on State Tax and Financing Policy to review the results of the recently completed evaluation of the Department of Local Government Finance, and terminates the Department of Agriculture Evaluation Commission, which completed its assigned responsibilities in 2008. LCR 09-04 was adopted by the Legislative Council by voice vote.

Chairman Long noted that a number of legislators had expressed interest in studying the future of the public assistance modernization project. In response, the Legislative Council adopted LCR 09-05 (See Exhibit 5) by voice vote.

Having no other business to discuss, the Legislative Council adjourned at 11:13 a.m.